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**PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1765**

Attorney Docket No.: 5308-159

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Thomas G. Coleman  
Serial No.: 09/931,537  
Filed: August 16, 2001  
For: **SILICON CARBIDE SUBLIMATION SYSTEMS  
AND ASSOCIATED METHODS**

Group: 1765  
Examiner: M. Song  
Confirmation No. 3269

October 20, 2003

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC §134, 37 CFR 1.191, and MPEP §1205, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action dated July 8, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated October 9, 2003 finally rejecting Claims 1-5, 7-24, 26-33, 35-36 and 46-48.

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C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

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☒ A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

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